



# Hoof Beats

**Ebony Horsewomen, Inc.**  
*Improving the Lives of Children through Horses*

Winter 2017

## Happy New Year!

*"Always forward, never back."*



This past year at Ebony Horsewomen has been an interesting one full of wonderful surprises and community building, and we are excited to be in the midst of a new year. We hope 2017 will be no exception and will bring its share of fun, productive, and worthwhile events and announcements.

In the meantime, in case you missed it, here is a wrap-up of all the memorable events Ebony Horsewomen has had the pleasure of partaking in so far...



## On the Move!

*Honoring Military Vets*

Members of the Ebony Horsewomen Mounted Patrol and Ladies Dressage Team had the pleasure of, once again, participating in the 2016 Veteran's Day Parade held at downtown Hartford, where our young men and women did a tremendous job honoring our vets.

## Hartford Cowgirls in Texas!



Recently, members of the Ladies Dressage Team were invited to Fort Worth, TX by the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Museum. Our ladies had a blast touring the National Cowgirl HoF and the town of Fort Worth, and left an indelible mark while doing it. We are especially proud of our girls and how poised they always are while representing EHI.

## Healing Horses Seminar

*The Benefits of Equine-assisted Therapy*



In an on-going effort to raise awareness about the benefits of equine-assisted therapy, Ebony Horsewomen has been offering a series of presentations via Facebook Live events and interactive seminars for mental health advocates and counselors. A little while back, EHI invited social workers to visit our equestrian and agricultural center for a free workshop to learn why horses make excellent therapists and alternative ways to help others. We were excited and thankful for the turnout and interest in equine-assisted therapy, and are always happy to share the information with others.

## A Very Scary & Merry Ebony Horsewomen Holiday

*Halloween Safe Night 2016*



Ebony Horsewomen's annual Halloween Safe Night event was a *spooktacular* affair this year, featuring a myriad of fun and safe activities for trick-or-treaters looking for a safe place to gather. There were arts & crafts and candy and spooky hay rides, oh my!

## *Ebony Horsewomen Holiday Celebration*



This past holiday season, Ebony Horsewomen, Inc. gave new meaning to spreading Christmas cheer when we hosted our inaugural holiday celebration for the Hartford community. It was a huge success as Hartford residents bundled up their young ones and turned up for some community building and to hobnob with EHI's resident elves, hot cocoa, gifts and other treats, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause. We had a blast and are pleased that we could pull off this event for the community.

## Winning Big!

*Folly Farm Horse Show 2017*

Congrats are in order for Ebony Horsewomen Mounted Patrol Unit Sergeant, Hugh Tyrrell and Ebony Horsewomen Dressage team member, Sequoia Perryman, who participated in the 2017 Folly Farm Horse Show in Simsbury, CT. Both of our young equestrians did an amazing job and won blue ribbons for their horsemanship. This is Hugh's second time winning at Folly Farms.



# Mounted Patrol Open House

*Looking for a Few Good Men*



Recently, Ebony Horsewomen's Mounted Patrol Unit hosted a free open house to introduce our wonderful equestrian-based enrichment program for young African-American and Latino men (between 10-18). Our Junior Mounted Patrol program is a wonderful way for young men to become well-rounded, socially aware, and civic-minded. We had a wonderful event and gained new recruits!

For updates about EHI programs, events and appearances, or to donate, please visit our website at: [www.ebonyhorsewomen.us](http://www.ebonyhorsewomen.us)



## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Cowgirl Spring Roundup, Montana

Ebony Horsewomen CEO & President, Patricia E. Kelly, will be heading to Montana where she will be a guest-speaker at the 2017 Cowgirl Spring Roundup April 27-30, 2017. For more information visit: [www.cowgirl.net](http://www.cowgirl.net).

### 2017 Spring Festival

The Ebony Horsewomen Spring Fest is back! Join us on June 10, 2017 for our 12 annual Spring Festival. Be sure to visit our website: [www.ebonyhorsewomen.us](http://www.ebonyhorsewomen.us) and our Facebook page for more information.

### Summer Camp

Summer will be upon us before you know it and on June 19th the Ebony Horsewomen Equestrian & Animal Day Camp will be back in session. Make sure to look out for upcoming 2017 summer day camp applications and register your child for a wide array of fun summer activities.

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